GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INCREASE IN COTTON YIELD .
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to increase cotton yield per hectare; and

(b) the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): To increase the yield of cotton in the country, the Government of India launched Technology Mission on Cotton in the country with 4 Mini Missions. Mini Mission-Ibeing implemented by ICAR has the mandate to develop promising varieties/hybrids, crop production and protection technologies with emphasis on research while Mini Mission-IIwhich is implemented by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation aims to increase the production & Productivity of cotton by providing assistance for transfer of technology through demonstrations on production technology, Integrated Pest Management and training of farmers/extension workers. Besides, inputs at concessional rates are also made available to the farmers.

With these efforts, various improved varieties/hybrids have been developed and released for commercial cultivation. Besides, Integrated Pest Management (IPM) modulehas also been developed to manage cotton pests. Central Institute for Cotton Research (CICR), Nagpur has also developed package of practices for cotton cultivation for differentzones of the country which are being disseminated to the farming community through Technology Mission on Cotton. However, due to attack of pests and diseases in some States, the yield has still remained average.